



Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS[®]

POLICY STATEMENT ON ASSESSMENTS

Background

Because Pennsylvania has no standardized system of assessing property value, the process varies widely from county to county. Within each county, assessments procedures vary from municipality to municipality.

This lack of standardization places a significant burden on property owners to pay higher property taxes because the value of property may have risen considerably since the last assessment.

GHAR Position

GHAR supports standardizing the property assessment process to ensure consistency and fairness to all property owners. GHAR opposes any county and municipal policy that would provide for bias assessments, such as “spot assessments” when properties are sold.

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